U. H. J. Liber No. 34 November 16 16 November 1753.

Read and assented to by the Lower house of Assembly Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct Lo H.

Read and Assented to by this house and Ordered to be so Subscribed

Two Engrossed Bills vizt The Bill Entituled a Supplementary and Explanatory Act to the Act entituled an Act for the more Effectual punishment of Negroes and other Slaves and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain offenders; and a Supplementary Act to an Act-Entituled an Act to prevent the tumultuous meetings and other irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves The Bill Entituled An Act to prevent the Injurying the Navigation to Baltimore Town and to the Inspecting house at Elk Ridge Landing on Patapsco River both, thus Subscribed

16 November 1753

Read and Assented to by the Upper house of Assembly Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up H.

Are Sent to the Lower house by Samuel Chamberlain Esq.^r

A Message from the Lower house with the Journal of Accounts by Mess." Stoddart and Magruder

By the Lower house of Assembly 16 November 1753 May it Please your Honours.

In Answer to your Message of the 14.th by the Samuel Chamberlain Esq. We do agree to allow the late Governor for the Seal to five Special Commissions of Over and Terminer and Goal delivery to Cecil County and have accordingly inserted it but cannot consent to allow for the Seals to fifteen Proclamations relating to his Lordships Assent to the Inspection Law; the publication of his Lordships assent to our Laws was never yet thought needful for the Validity of them and we hope never will, therefore We think it highly unreasonable to Burthen the People for a Service so apparently unnecessary, The Attendance of the Council of State and the Salary to their Clerk We cannot think it Reasonable to make any Allowance for. The Service of that honourable Board is either relative to his Lordships Private affairs or to Matters of Government, in the first Case 'tis plain the People ought not to be burthened, and that they ought not in the latter will appear equally clear when it is considered that by many Acts of Assembly of this Province Fines & Forfietures are Given to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary for Support of Government and that the Sum of Twelve pence p hogshead on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province is collected and paid to his Lordship under an Act expressly giving it for Support of Govern-

p. 470 ment; and although we are of Opinion that Act is not now in Force